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1. SURPRISED, DISAPPOINTED, AND ANGERED OVER LEARNING OF GABON'S OCAM WITHDRAWAL THROUGH PRESS REPORTS, GOR ANNOUNCED IN ITS CAPACITY CURRENT OCAM PRESIDENT, RWANDA WILL UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS OTHER MEMBERS IN ORDER EVALUATE CONSEQUENCES THAT ACTION FOR FUTURE OF ORGANIZATION. MINISTERIAL AND CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING SCHEDULED NOV. 5 - 15 POSTPONED TO LATER DATE. FIRST GOR DELEGATION LEFT KIGALI SEPT. 22 FOR CONSULTATIONS LIBREVILLE. OTHERS EXPECTED
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2. PREPARATIONS OCAM SUMMIT HAVE ALL BUT CONSUMED GOR FOR PAST YEAR. OCAM "VILLAGE" NOW COMPLETE, CONFERENCE CENTER IN FINAL STAGES, NEW HIGHWAYS IN PLACE, AND GENERAL UPLIFT CITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN PROGRESS AT MAJOR COST RWANDAN BUDGET/ DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES.

EM GREATER PARTICIPATION AFRICAN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN CONRNERSTONE SECOND REPUBLIC FOREIGN POLICY AND ELECTION HABYARIMANA AS OCAM PRESIDENT AT BANGUI SUMMIT SOURCE GOR PRIDE. OFFICIALS NOW FEAR PRIVATELY THAT GABON WITHDRAWAL COULD RESULT OCAM DEMISE DURING HABYARIMANA PRESIDENCY, WHICH THEY WISH AVOID. RWANDAN DECISION POSTPONE SUMMIT NOT TAKEN UNANIMOUSLY AS SOME FOREIGN POLICY ADVISERS BELIEVE ONCE DELAYED, MEETING WILL PROVE DIFFICULT RESCHEDULE. IF DELAYED BEYOND END OF YEAR, IT ALSO LIKELY A GOOD PART OF KIGALI'S FACELIFT WILL HAVE DETERIORATED AND GOR THEREFORE MAKING EVERY EFFORT RESCHEDULE MEETING NO LATER THAN DECEMBER.
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